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SUBJECT: SYRIAN/ISRAELI AIR CLASH SEPTEMBER 13

DAMASCUS US INTERESTS CHIEF CARDILLI GAVE US SEPTEMBER 19 FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE SYRIAN VERSION SYRIAN/ISRAELI AIR CLASH SEPTEMBER 13. HE EXPLAINED THAT SEVERAL DAYS AGO DEPUTY FONMIN ZAKHARIA BRIEFED DIPLOMATIC CORP IN TWO GROUPS; FIRST, WESTERN DIPLOMATIC AND SECOND, DIPLOMATIC OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. IN BRIEFING ZAKHARIA STRONGLY ACCUSED US OF BEING BEHIND ISRAELI ACTION, AND ACCORDING TO CARDILLI, SAME THEME PLAYED UP IN SYRIAN PRESS. AS TO AIR CRASH ITSELF, ZAKHARIA MAINTAINED ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE PLANES ENTERED SYRIA AFTER FLYING ACROSS LEBANESE TERRITORY. ISRAELIS FLEW AS FAR AS HOMES AND HAMA WHERE THEY BROKE SONIC BARRIER AT LEAST ONCE. AT THAT POINT THEY WERE INTERCEPTED BY SYRIAN PLANES WHICH WHILE PURSUING THEM FLEW INTO TRAP SET BY ISRAELIS AND THE FIGHT WAS ON. ZAKHARIA MAINTAINED FIVE ISRAELI PLANES WERE DOWNED AND ADMITTED SYRIANS LOST EIGHT. HE CLAIMED THERE WERE TOTAL OF 100 PLANES INVOLVED IN CLASH.

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